

Efficiency of County Farm Bureaus Increased by Statewide Organization

FEDERATION OF ALL FARM BUREAUS IS NEW PLAN OFFERED

Extension Workers Hold Important Conference at the State Agricultural College.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 24.—The character and scope of county, home demonstration and juvenile club activities in the various Oregon counties are being shaped by the conference of extension workers now in session at the college under direction of Paul V. Maria, county agent leader. Field workers from most Oregon counties are in attendance as well as representatives of the many lines of work from the federal department of agriculture.

One of the big questions up for consideration is the proposed state federation of all county agent farm bureaus organizations in Oregon, preliminary to affiliation with the national farm bureau association. A report outlining procedure and benefits of federating was presented by Fred Benson, county agent of Umatilla, but because of the importance and difficulties of the move the conference declined to pass upon it until a digest could be published and placed in their hands for careful study. The matter was made the main order of business for 10 o'clock this morning, but after extended debate the subject was put over till 9 o'clock tomorrow, Thursday, when it is expected that final action will be taken.

BELIEVE IN PUBLICITY
Action looking to the standardization of the Farm Bureau News, the project organ of the county and state farm bureaus, was taken in the adoption of a report presented by George Kable, agent of Benton county. Methods of handling publicity in the News and by other practical means were accepted as recommended, and a steady, systematic campaign to make the farm bureau known and understood and most useful in Oregon will be taken up at once.

One result of the campaign will be better neighborhood directory systems in county agent counties. Farm bureau members will have standardized signs as evidence of membership, and the adoption of farm names was strongly recommended for publicity and advertising purposes. The use of farm owner letter and bill heads and envelopes was also recommended.

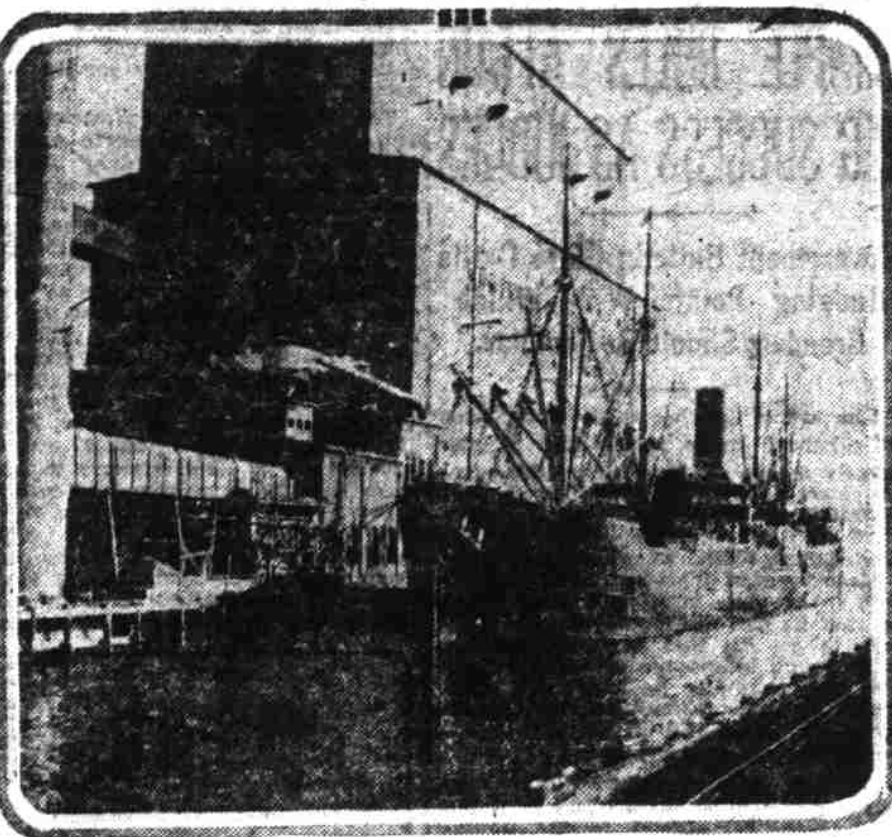
BUSINESS MEN COOPERATE
Cooperation of business men by inserting in their local advertisement some reference to the special campaigns inaugurated by the farm bureaus was said by A. B. Graham, agricultural assistant of the United States department of agriculture for the north and west states, to be a most satisfactory means of obtaining wide publicity. As an example he cited the advertisement of a business man in a county carrying on a silo campaign. The advertiser was a shoe man, who put into his ad the statement that silos mean more leather, cheaper and better shoes.

Other representatives of outside interests were the following:
N. C. Maria, Portland, field worker state department of education; G. B. Ferrell, national girls' and boys' club leader for north and west; W. A. Lloyd, national county agent leader for same district; Miss Florence Ward, home demonstration leader of the federal government for the north and west states; J. A. Thompson, county school superintendent, Deschutes county; Miss Grace L. May, county school superintendent, Sherman county; Mrs. Mamie Pulkerson, vice president of the State Teachers' association and rural supervisor of Marion county schools.
County agents and assistant agents were present from the following counties:

F. L. Ballard and W. L. Kaderley, assistant state county agent leaders; L. R. Brethaupt, Malheur; P. H. Spillman, Union; Mac Ioke, Wallowa; Fred Benion, Umatilla; L. A. Hunt, Morrow; C. C. Calkins, Sherman; A. L. Fluharty, Wasco; S. B. Hall, Multnomah; Thomas Filippin, Columbia; H. J. Lechner, Clatsop; N. C. Jamison, Washington; R. G. Scott, Clackamas; S. V. Smith, Linn; George W. Kable, Benton; J. E. Cooter, Lincoln; Ira P. Whitney, Lane; C. J. Furd, Douglas; C. C. Farr, Coos; C. C. Chis, Jackson; E. H. Thomas, Klamath; D. E. Richards, Lake.

CLUB WORKERS PRESENT
The club workers present in addition to those named, are A. E. Street, Roseburg, county club leader; Miss Ethel Calkins, Gresham, Multnomah county club leader; T. D. Kirkpatrick, Portland, city club leader; Miss R. P. Snodgrass, Oregon City, Clackamas county club leader; P. W. Sexton, Klamath county club leader.
Representatives of the home demonstration agent work in attendance are Mrs. Jessie D. McComb, state leader, Corvallis; Miss Lillian Lane, field agent at large, Corvallis; Miss Jessie Biles, newly appointed assistant state leader, Corvallis; Miss Ruth Corbett, Grants Pass; Miss Ella May Hanson, Pendleton; Miss Minnie Kalbus, Coquille; Miss Florence Pool, Medford; Miss Jessie

LOADING GRAIN FOR EXPORT



During the last fiscal year 52 per cent of all our exports originated on the farm.

Hoover, representing the federal home demonstration office in charge of increased milk production in the home, attended the joint conferences Thursday and addressed the convention on the subject of conducting a campaign in Oregon. Asked if such a campaign would be put on as a home demonstration project in Oregon, Mrs. McComb replied: "We cannot say definitely until a more careful investigation, but it hardly seems advisable as far as we know now, because the problem seems to be more how to get enough milk for the existing demand, rather than how to stimulate the demand further. Miss Hoover has charge of the work in the 33 north and west states, and carries on educational campaigns in whichever states she finds the campaign necessary."

Duroc Jersey Show, Banquet and Sale at Salem Was Success

The Duroc Jersey show, banquet and sale at Salem, February 3 and 4, were all very successful. The banquet on Tuesday evening given for the friends of the Durocs by D. W. Ayre, of the First National bank of Salem, was followed by a trip to the theatre, where after the regular show two films showing some of the big Duroc herds in the East met with much interest.

Some of the speakers at the banquet were G. A. Pearson of the Union Stock Yards, speaking on the shortage of hogs in Oregon and how the pig clubs were helping the situation; R. A. Blanchard of the North-Portland Livestock State bank gave a short history of the Durocs; L. J. Chapin of Salem Kings Products Co. told of the new "Saphire" hog that is blue, making the three or blue-hog kingdom of red, white and blue, but he isn't sure but that the new color may fade. Other speakers were C. D. Minton of Portland, D. W. Ayre of

HEAVY LOSS SUSTAINED BY MANY ORCHARDISTS THROUGH NEGLIGENCE

Recent Unprofitable Seasons Wreaked Havoc in Many Orchards; Clean Up, Only Cure

The past year has seen a considerable revolution in the attitude of growers toward the apple industry. Some of our orchardists kept their faith in the business the past few years. They also kept their orchards clean. It is painfully evident, however, that the rank and file of the orchards in the state (and this is also probably true over the country at large) have been more or less neglected during the unprofitable years. The result of this was evidenced in the unusually large proportion of cull fruit that was produced this year. How to avoid a repetition of this year's losses is a live question just now among all growers of fruit.

The cause of the loss this past season was largely the work of the codling moth or San Jose scale, or both. Most growers are familiar with the details of the control remedies for both of these pests, although accepted methods of control in some cases have not given the desired immunity.

TREES NEED PRUNING
All orchards should be pruned more or less severely this winter. Those that have not been neglected and have had their wood growth guided from year to year, will need but little. The neglected orchard will need a great deal of thinning out, cutting back and cleaning up of trunk and limbs. Until this is accomplished, thorough spraying cannot be done, and unless very thorough, intelligent spraying for San Jose scale is practiced the work done is practically wasted. No new methods nor materials for spraying for the scale have been discovered. Lime sulphur and the soluble or miscible oils are still standard, and one or the other must be relied upon to do the work.

The great number of codling moths this year indicate that a determined fight must be made if the fruit is to be held in check. The larvae are now hibernating in great numbers under the old bark of trunk and limbs, in old apple boxes and in other rubbish. Wherever wormy apples are being stored

there are myriads of these insects. Cellars and storage houses are fruitful sources of infection for this pest. These places should be cleaned and fumigated early in the spring before the moths have become adults and flown back to the orchards. An innocent-looking old apple box or barrel may, and frequently is, the means of carrying the codling moth to new sources of infection. With the greatest care, however, there will be need for thorough spraying of the trees, following the blossom period, with the arsenical spray. Again, thoroughness is the keynote of success. Good materials, good tools and good work are necessary.

COOPERATION ESSENTIAL
With all this, there is yet another factor without which the best of work will be practically unavailing. This is neighborhood cooperation. Unfortunately the orchardist no longer lives unto himself. A nearby neglected orchard will thwart the most conscientious efforts to render a season's work of but little use. We have a law that prohibits the sale of wormy or scale infected fruit. This law was enacted not to punish the grower of cull fruit, but to induce him to grow only good fruit. We also have a law that provides for the cleaning up or destruction of infested orchards. It certainly is to the interest of all fruit growers to have these provisions enforced.

With thorough work and cooperation all along the line, a repetition of this past season's losses from cull fruit can be avoided.

Farmers Plan Live Meeting at Gresham

The program for farmers' week at Gresham, February 9 to 14, promises to be interesting, entertaining and instructive. Many well known authorities on different phases of the science of farming and marketing will speak. The aim is to make Saturday's program the best of the week. Ladies are especially invited for that day. Many valuable prizes donated by Oregon manufacturers will be distributed to the ladies.

Alexander-Badly company has just taken on the distribution of Cupples Warner and Super-Service tires and tubes for automobiles and trucks in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. Agencies will be established throughout the entire Northwest. This firm has also taken over Southern Idaho for the Cleveland tractor in addition to the Oregon and Washington territory which they have had for some time.

BENEFIT OF WHEAT GROWERS' BODY TO BE TOLD FARMERS

Speakers of National Repute to Spread Information to Inland Empire Dwellers.

Speakers of national repute will tell the farmers of the inland Empire of the advantages to be secured in joining the Wheat Growers' association now being organized in the Northwest, according to a telegram received by the organization committee of the Wheat Growers' association. Included in the list are Dr. J. R. Howard of Ames, Iowa, president of the American farm bureau federation; Congressman Thomas P. Caraway of Arkansas; D. R. Cooper of New York, president of the New York Dairyman's league (which has 44,000 members) and special representative of the national board of farm organization. Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon has also promised to speak if congress adjourns sufficiently early. H. W. Wood of Calgary, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, the largest and most successful wheat growers' marketing association in the world, has also promised to speak. Aaron Sapiro of San Francisco, counsel for numerous farmers' organizations, will speak. The Northwest wheat growers' association meetings.

Umatilla Will Try Alfalfa Production

Learning of the splendid results secured by the alfalfa growers in Central Oregon, from the application of sulphur and of the demonstrations being started in this county, some Umatilla farmers are getting anxious to try alfalfa on an extensive scale. The county agent has rather discouraged this idea in spite of the fact that there is good reason to believe that greatly increased yields can be secured on the heavier, darker soils of the county. For this year it is much better to apply it on smaller areas and check up closely on the results.

Robert E. Kennedy of Hermiston.

C. R. Lisle of Echo, James Potts of Athens, J. W. Dickson of Athens and others have offered to try it out on good sized areas. They will be added to the lists of demonstrators. Uri Richards of Butter Creek secured a sack last week. The two tons which is being distributed for demonstration purposes will soon be exhausted.

Deschutes County Agent Named. Bend, Feb. 6.—D. L. Jamison, formerly of the United States biological survey, has been named county agent for Deschutes county. Jamison, who is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural college, succeeds H. E. Koons. He is an expert along dairying and rodent control lines.

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